

House Resolution 2083

By: Representative Dempsey of the 13th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Officer Matt Fowler on winning the Rome Officer of the Year Award for his
2 valor; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Officer Matt Fowler, a four-year veteran of the City of Rome Police
4 Department, demonstrates his courage and commitment to duty each and every day that he
5 is on the job, but his actions on August 27, 2007, show what a truly extraordinary hero he
6 really is; and

7 WHEREAS, on that date, Officer Fowler was the first officer to arrive on the scene where
8 an unidentified suspect had opened fire on a home killing one man and seriously wounding
9 a woman before the shooter hid near the house; and

10 WHEREAS, unable to wait for backup, Officer Fowler readied his shotgun and began
11 searching for the suspect; his brave actions thereby prevented a tragic situation from
12 becoming much more tragic; and

13 WHEREAS, Officer Fowler acted quickly to protect the lives of others without concern for
14 his own safety and in accordance with his police training; and

15 WHEREAS, in honor of his incredible performance in the face of danger and his uncommon
16 bravery, Officer Fowler has been awarded the Rome Officer of the Year Award and the
17 Medal of Valor; and

18 WHEREAS, all Georgians owe a tremendous debt of gratitude for the courageous and noble
19 service of this outstanding officer.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body join in commending Officer Matt Fowler on being awarded the

1 Rome Officer of the Year Award and the Medal of Valor and thank him for his heroic service
2 to the people of Georgia.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
4 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Officer Matt Fowler.